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The press of November 30, 1933, reports that the Roosevelt-Litvinoff Agreement has caused a change in Bolshevik subversive plans in America. On November 25 the Executive Committee of the Communist International issued instructions to its United States section to "prepare to go underground," explaining that open activity was becoming inconvenient.

The Executive Committee gives detailed orders for an "abrupt rearrangement of the entire work." Although the United States occupies first place, the committee says its sections in Great Britain, France, and Czechoslovakia must also "take concrete steps" for rearrangement, as normal work above ground appears likely to become inconvenient in those countries in the near future. (The committee possibly has in mind the trade negotiations with Great Britain and France and the prospect of recognition of the U.S.S.R. by Czechoslovakia.) The committee insists on the organization of "cadres of professional revolutionaries" for subterranean work in those countries.

The professional revolutionary, it says, is a highly trained Communist. Preferably these professionals must not be formally enrolled on the Communist Party's books. They must obtain employment to avert suspicion of their real activity. If suspected and threatened with arrest they may escape, and continue their leadership across the frontier. Otherwise, when the moment for an open struggle arrives, the masses might lack Communist leaders. Professionals who have chosen refuge abroad will at the first signal for battle rejoin the professionals who have remained unsuspected and lead the masses under the committee's directions in strikes and other forms of assault against the existing regime.

The organizing and maintaining intact of these professional cadres "have colossal importance at present." Their organization and training must closely follow the lines adopted by professional underground Bolshevik revolutionaries during the Tsarist epoch in Russia.

The committee recalls M. Stalin's recent diagnosis that "we have reached the eve of a new wave of revolutions and wars," and it obviously does not agree with M. Litvinoff's compliments to the United States at the farewell banquet in New York on November 24.

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